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SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE XXVI-REPLACEMENT OF NIKE
FENCING AND FLOODINGLIGHTING

REF: SECDEF MSG 1335, 20 FEB 75.

1. DURING MEETING OF 25 MAR 75, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SCREENED SAS/SAM PORTIONS OF SLICE XXVI. DURING SCREENEING, INTERNATIONAL STAFF REP (AVCI) NOTED THAT US HAD PREFINANCED REPLACEMENT OF NIKE FENCES ANDDD FLOODLIGHTING (SERIALS 303-9, 311, 313) PRIOR TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW US CRITERIA CONCERNING SAS SITES. HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT PROJECTS SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED AND THAT P&P COMMITTEE DETERMINE NATO EXPENDITURE AT BUDGETARY CONTROL STAGE TO PREVENT NUGATORY CHARGES FOR ANY POSSIBLE TEARDOWN AND REBUILD OF THE PREFINANCED WORK. SHAPE REP (COL FORD) SUPPORTED INTERNATIONAL STAFF POSITION. LED BY UK AND CANADA, COMMITTEE DEFERRED DECISION ON PROGRAMMING PENDING US ASSURANCE THAT PREFINANCED WORKS WOULD ONLY BE CHARGED TO NATO IF THEY MET THE NEW CRITERIA.

2. MISSION WWOULD LIKE TO BASE ITS POSITION ON SECDEF MESSAGE 201837Z FEB 75 WHICH STATES AS FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT. AS A MATTER OF POLICY THE US WILL MAKE FULL USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES. TEARDOWN AND REBUILD WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN UNCLASS THERE HAS BEEN A DETERMINATION THAT EXISTING PHYSICAL SECURITY

MEASURES CANNOT BE SUPPLEMENTED TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DEGREE OF UP-GRADED PROTECTION END TEXT. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT COMMITTEE COULD AGREE THAT ABOVE QUOTEATION SUPPLIES THE REQUIRED ASSURANCES BECAUSE OF THE QUALIFICATION IN THE SECOND SENTENCE.

3. UK REP (COLES) SUGGESTED AT MEETING THAT IF NEW CRITERIA SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED BY THE US AND APPROVED BY SHAPE BEFORE MID-1976, AND IF THERE WERE ANY DANGER OF CONTRADICTION BETWEEN CURRENT PROGRAMMING AND EVENTUAL CRITERIA, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO AWAIT SLICE XXVII BEFORE PROGRAMMING THE WORKS, THUS PREVENTING THEM FROM BEING CAUGHT IN THE AUTOMATIC SELECTION PROCEDURE. US REP AGREED TO SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. SECOND ROUND OF SAS PROGRAM SCREENING WILL NOT COME UP BEFORE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 22 APR 75. IN THE INTERIM MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER THERE IS ANY DANGER IN CONTRADICTION BETWEEN SLICE XXVI WORKS AND CRITERIA CURRENTLY UNDERGOING US REVIEW (FOR INSTANCE, POSITIONING OF FENCES OR FLOODLIGHTS). IF THERE IS ANY SUCH DANGER, REQUEST ADVICE ON TIMING OF SUBMISSION OF US CRITERIA FOR SHAPE APPROVAL AND FEASIBILITY

OF DEFERRING PROGRAMMING FOR SLICE XXVII. PEREZ

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